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(54) **Hydrolysis stabilizer for ester group-containing resin and process for hydrolysis stabilization of ester group-containing resin using said hydrolysis stabilizer**

(57) A hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin, which comprises as a main component a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate and isophorone diisocyanate, or from a mixture of tetramethylxylene diisocyanate with 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate and isophorone diisocyanate; and a process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin, which comprises mixing a polyester type resin with the above hydrolysis stabilizer.

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Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin and a process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin using said hydrolysis stabilizer. More particularly, it relates to a hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin which stabilizer does not generate a bad odor when kneaded with the resin at a high temperature, has an excellent compatibility and reactivity with a resin to which the stabilizer is added, even at a low temperature and exhibits thereby an excellent hydrolysis stabilizing effect and comprises a carbodiimide as a main component, and to a process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin using the above hydrolysis stabilizer.

15 Description of Related Art

Ester group-containing resins (referred to hereinafter as ester type resins in some cases), for example, polyester polyurethane (PU), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polybutylene terephthalate (PBT) and the like have excellent elasticity and moldability, and hence, have been employed in various uses.

20 However, for example, the above-mentioned polyester polyurethane resin is usually obtained by urethanizing a diisocyanate such as 4,4'-diphenylmethane diisocyanate (MDI), tolylene diisocyanate (TDI) or the like with a difunctional polyester polyol, so that it has many ester groups in the molecule. Accordingly, it is known that there are such problems that not only is this ester group easily hydrolyzed with moisture to cause reduction of molecular weight, but also the acidic carboxyl group formed by this hydrolysis accelerates the hydrolysis of the ester linkage, so that the strength is reduced and the reduction of strength makes it impossible for the resin *per se* to resist the strain caused during the curing of the resin, whereby cracking and further reduction of strength are caused.

In order to prevent such deterioration of physical properties, it has been tried to add various additives during the molding of a polyester polyurethane resin to trap the carboxyl groups and alcohol groups formed by the hydrolysis, thereby preventing hydrolysis from further proceeding.

30 The above additives include, for example, oxazolines, epoxy compounds, aromatic polycarbodiimides, aliphatic monocarbodiimides and the like. These additives are usually in the form of powder and used in such a manner that they are dry blended with resin pellets or mixed in a given amount with the resin by use of a measuring hopper during molding or spinning, and then, the resulting mixture is melt-kneaded at a given temperature (250-300°C in the case of polyethylene terephthalate).

35 However, the above-mentioned epoxy compounds and oxazolines have no sufficient effect of improving the hydrolysis resistance, increase the melt viscosity of the resin and deteriorate the moldability, so that they have no practical usability. Moreover, the above aromatic carbodiimides are usually thermosetting, and hence, their carbodiimide groups cross-link upon heating and when they are kneaded with the resin, the viscosity of the resulting mixture increases or they become lump-like and are ununiformly dispersed in the resin, and hence, in some cases, no desirable effect of hydrolysis stabilization can be obtained.

40 For the purpose of preventing the above-mentioned problems of aromatic carbodiimides when heated, there have been developed various aromatic carbodiimides having a group of high steric hindrance in the ortho-position to the carbodiimide group. However, these aromatic carbodiimides are pyrolyzed by a heat applied when they are melt-kneaded with a polyester polyurethane resin, and in addition, generate remarkably unpleasant odor due to the vaporization of impurities or starting materials, resulting in a deterioration of working atmosphere. Furthermore, the gas generated contains aromatic amines and the like and hence is very dangerous in view of not only bad odor but also toxicity, and hence, there is such a problem that a large scale deodorizing or ventilating apparatus becomes necessary.

45 Moreover, as aliphatic carbodiimides, the use of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide is well known; however, this dicyclohexylcarbodiimide reacts easily with water to be converted to dicyclohexylurea, and hence, has a problem in that close attention must be paid for preventing moisture in the storage of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide. Therefore, it is inadequate to use in industry. Furthermore, a monocarbodiimide is a low molecular weight compound and when added to a polyester polyurethane resin, it bleeds out of the resin, so that it has such a problem that the hydrolysis resistance is not sufficient.

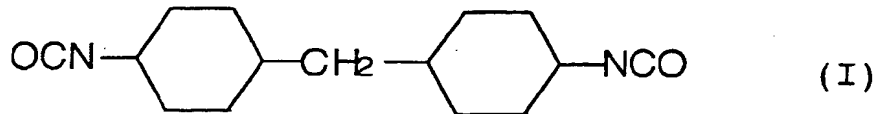
55 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to overcome the above disadvantages of the prior art and provide a hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin such as polyester polyurethane resin or the like which stabilizer has an excellent compatibility with said resin, can be easily added without any trouble to said resin during the synthesis and melt-kneading of said resin, has a high molecular weight and, therefore, can sufficiently exhibit the effect of hydrolysis

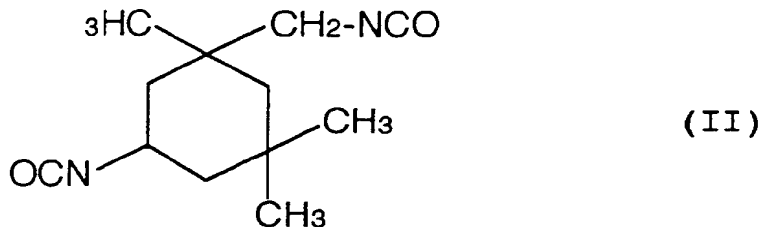
stabilization of the said resin.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a process for the hydrolysis stabilizer of an ester group-containing resin using the above hydrolysis stabilizer.

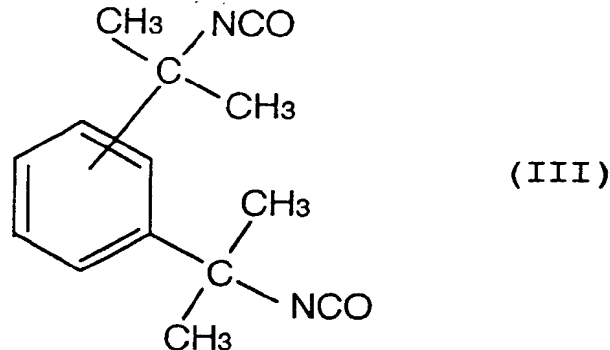
According to the present invention, there is provided a hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin, which comprises as a main component a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the formula (I):



or isophorone diisocyanate represented by the formula (II):

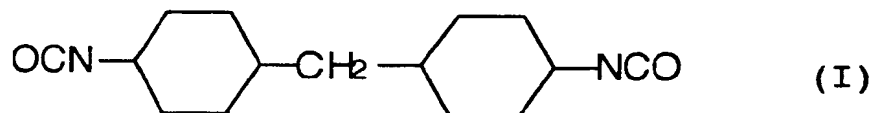


25 or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate of the formula (I) with isophorone diisocyanate of the formula (II), or, a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from a mixture of tetramethylxylylene diisocyanate represented by the formula (III):

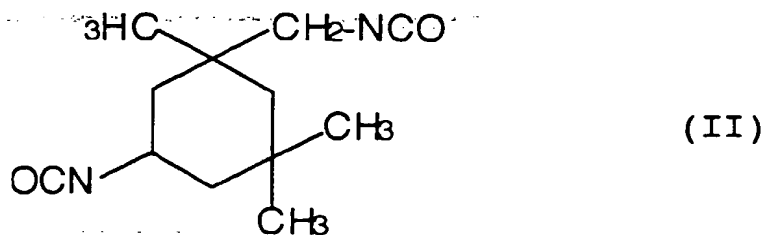


45 with 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the formula (I), isophorone diisocyanate represented by the formula (II) or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate of the formula (I) and isophorone diisocyanate of the formula (II).

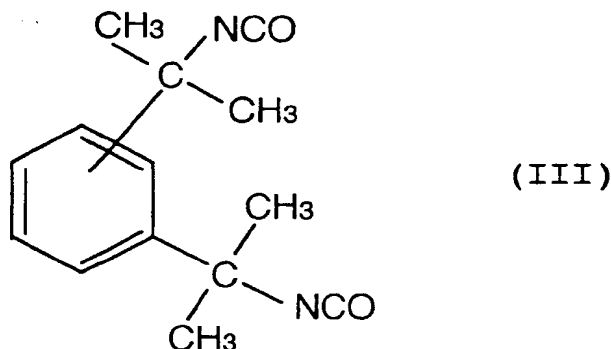
According to the present invention, there is further provided a process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin which comprises mixing a polyester resin with a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the formula (I):



or isophorone diisocyanate represented by the formula (II):



10 or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate of the formula (I) with isophorone diisocyanate of the formula (II), or, a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from a mixture of tetramethylxylene diisocyanate represented by the formula (III):



20 with 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the formula (I), isophorone diisocyanate represented by the formula (II) or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate of the formula (I) and isophorone diisocyanate of the formula (II).

25 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

30 The present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprises as a main component:

35 (1) a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the above formula (I) (referred to hereinafter as HMDI in some cases), or, isophorone diisocyanate represented by the above formula (II) (referred to hereinafter as IPDI in some cases), or, a mixture of HMDI and IPDI, or

40 (2) a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from a mixture of tetramethylxylene diisocyanate represented by the above formula (III) (referred to hereinafter as TMXDI in some cases) with HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI.

45 Said carbodiimide can be produced by subjecting (1) HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI, or (2) a mixture of TMXDI with HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI, as the starting materials to carbodiimidization reaction accompanied by decarboxylation reaction.

50 The above carbodiimidization reaction is effected in the presence of a suitable carbodiimidization catalyst, and as the carbodiimidization catalyst which can be used, organic phosphorus compounds are preferable, and phosphorene oxides are particularly preferable in view of activity. Specifically, there are mentioned 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide, 3-methyl-1-ethyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide, 1,3-dimethyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide, 1-phenyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide, 1-ethyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide, 1-methyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide and double bond isomers thereof. Among them, 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide, which is easily commercially available, is particularly preferable.

55 The above carbodiimidization reaction can be carried out by a known method, for example, by adding the above-mentioned catalyst to (1) HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI, or (2) a mixture of TMXDI with HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI in the absence of a solvent or to a solution of (1) or (2) in a solvent inert thereto, in a proportion of 0.1 to 10% by weight (a larger amount is possible when the economy is neglected), preferably 0.5 to 5% by

weight, based on the total weight of the isocyanates in the atmosphere of an inert gas such as nitrogen or the like or with bubbling of the inert gas, and then heating the resulting mixture with stirring at a reaction temperature within the range of from 150°C to 200°C, thereby allowing a carbodiimidization reaction accompanied by decarboxylation reaction to proceed.

5 The reaction time for the above reaction is varied depending upon the reaction temperature, the kind and amount of the catalyst and the like, and when, for example, HMDI is used as the starting material and 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide is added in a proportion of 1% by weight based on the total weight of the isocyanates and the reaction is effected at a reaction temperature of 180°C, it is possible to obtain in about 20 hours a carbodiimide compound resulting from HMDI, and even when IPDI is used as the starting material the same applies.

10 When, for example, a mixture of TMXDI and HMDI is used as the starting material, it is possible to obtain a carbodiimide compound resulting from the mixture of TMXDI and HMDI similarly to the above.

Incidentally, the proceeding of the reaction may be confirmed by observing the absorption of isocyanate group at 2258 cm⁻¹ in an infrared absorption spectrum or confirmed by a titration method.

15 In the above reaction, when (1) HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI, or (2) a mixture of TMXDI with HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI is used, a carbodiimide represented by the following formula (IV) can be obtained:



20 wherein R₁ and R₂ may be the same as or different from each other and each represents the residue of TMXDI, HMDI or IPDI freed from NCO group; and the polymerization style of the above isocyanates may be a random polymerization or a block polymerization; and n is an integer of 2 or more.

As the carbodiimide which is the main component of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin, there may be a product obtained by end-blocking a carbodiimide having terminal isocyanate groups obtained by the above-mentioned method, with an amine, a carboxylic acid, an acid anhydride, a monoisocyanate or the like.

25 When the terminal isocyanate of the carbodiimide is blocked with a monoisocyanate, a carbodiimide represented by the following formula (V) can be obtained:



30 wherein R₃ and R₄ may be the same as or different from each other and each represents the residue of the monoisocyanate freed from NCO group; m is an integer of 1 or more; and R₅ represents the residue of the diisocyanate used in the reaction similarly to R₁ and R₂.

35 Incidentally, the proportion (mole ratio) of the diisocyanate [(1) HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI or (2) a mixture of TMXDI with HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI] to the monoisocyanate is 1 : 2 - 30 : 2, preferably 4 : 2 - 19 : 2, and when the diisocyanate and the monoisocyanate are used in a proportion of 3 : 2, the number of carbodiimide units in one molecule, namely n, becomes 4 and when the proportion is 19 : 2, n becomes 20.

40 When the terminals of the carbodiimide are blocked with the monoisocyanate, it is favorable, for obtaining a carbodiimide having the desired molecular weight, that the diisocyanate and the monoisocyanate are previously mixed to effect carbodiimidization, because it is possible to control the amount of the monocarbodiimide produced by condensation of the monoisocyanate molecules with each other.

The monoisocyanate used for blocking the terminals of the carbodiimide includes n-butyl isocyanate, tert-butyl isocyanate, isobutyl isocyanate, ethyl isocyanate, n-propyl isocyanate, cyclohexyl isocyanate, n-octyl isocyanate and the like, and these may be used alone or in admixture of two or more.

45 Moreover, when the terminals of a carbodiimide are blocked with a monofunctional compound having a group capable of reacting with the isocyanate group, for example, an amine, a carboxylic acid or an acid anhydride, a carbodiimide represented by the formula (VI) can be obtained:



50 wherein R₆ and R₇ may be the same as or different from each other and each represents the residue of the monofunctional compound having a group capable of reacting with an isocyanate group, for example, an amine, a carboxylic acid or an acid anhydride, formed by reaction with the isocyanate; X represents a bond formed by the reaction of the monofunctional compound having a group capable of reacting with the isocyanate group with the isocyanate; and p is an integer of 2 or more.

55 When the terminals of a carbodiimide are blocked with a monofunctional compound having a group capable of reacting with an isocyanate group, for example, an amine, a carboxylic acid or an acid anhydride, the reaction between the isocyanate and the end-blocking agent may be effected before the carbodiimidization or may be effected after the carbodiimidization to a suitable degree of polymerization by adding the end-blocking agent in an amount equivalent to the residual isocyanate.

The present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprises the above-mentioned carbodiimide as a main component, and in the actual use, the above carbodiimide may be used as a single component or may be used in combination with an appropriate adjuvant.

The present process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin comprises mixing the above-mentioned carbodiimide with the ester type resin. The mixing method is not critical and any appropriate mixing method can be adopted.

The proportion of the above carbodiimide to the ester group-containing resin is 0.01 to 5% by weight, preferably 0.3 to 1% by weight, and when the proportion is less than 0.01% by weight, the amount of the carbodiimide bond for the ester group becomes small, the hydrolysis stabilization effect cannot be said to be sufficient. When the proportion exceeds 5% by weight, the carbodiimide exhibits its plasticizing effect on the ester group-containing resin and adversely affects the physical properties of the resin.

Incidentally, as carbodiimides having particularly preferable hydrolysis resistance, there can be mentioned carbodiimides having a degree of polymerization of 5 to 30 obtained from HMDI and a monoisocyanate, for example, cyclohexyl isocyanate; end-blocked carbodiimides having a degree of polymerization of 5 to 30 obtained from HMDI and an amine, for example, cyclohexylamine; carbodiimides having a degree of polymerization of 5 to 30 derived from a mixture of HMDI : TMXDI = 10 : 1 - 1 : 10 and end-blocked with a monoisocyanate such as cyclohexyl isocyanate or the like or an amine such as cyclohexylamine or the like; etc.

JP-A-07-017939 discloses isocyanate-terminated carbodiimides having a degree of polymerization (n) of 0 to 10 and an improved compatibility. However, this isocyanate is low in reactivity owing to steric hindrance and when the carbodiimide is mixed with the ester group-containing resin, the reaction of the isocyanate with the carboxyl or hydroxyl group present at the ends of the ester group-containing resin is slow and the isocyanate remains as such in the ester group-containing resin even after the melt-kneading. Therefore, there is such a problem that this isocyanate reacts with moisture to generate carbon dioxide, whereby voids and the like are formed in the ester group-containing resin.

On the other hand, in the case of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin, the reactivity of the terminal isocyanate group of the carbodiimide resulting from HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI which is the main component of the hydrolysis stabilizer, is sufficiently high even when the carbodiimide results from a mixture of TMXDI with HMDI, IPDI or a mixture of HMDI and IPDI. When the carbodiimide is melt-kneaded with the ester group-containing resin, the terminal isocyanate groups are consumed by the reaction with the carboxyl or hydroxyl group present at the ends of the ester group-containing resin, and there is substantially no case where the isocyanate remains as such in the ester group-containing resin after the melt-kneading. Therefore, there is no problem of voids and the like due to carbon dioxide.

Furthermore, JP-A-07-017939 discloses carbodiimides in which the terminal isocyanates are blocked with an alcohol or an amine. However, as described above, this carbodiimide is low in reactivity because of steric hindrance, and in order to obtain the desired hydrolysis stabilizing effect, it is necessary that the carbodiimide be added in an amount as large as possible within the limited addition amount range (when the amount of the carbodiimide added is too large, there appears a plasticizing effect on the ester group-containing resin). Accordingly, the blocking of the terminal isocyanate group with an alcohol or an amine results in an increase of molecular weight and also a decrease of the above-mentioned addition amount, and hence, is not desirable in view of the hydrolysis stabilizing effect.

On the other hand, in the case of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin, the reactivity of the terminal isocyanate group of the carbodiimide which is the main component of the stabilizer, is sufficiently high as described above, and hence, even when the terminal isocyanate group is blocked with an alcohol or an amine to increase the molecular weight, a sufficient hydrolysis stabilizing effect is exhibited without increasing the addition amount so much.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Examples are shown below to explain the present invention in more detail.

Synthesis of carbodiimides

Synthesis Example 1

To 300 g of HMDI was added, as a carbodiimidization catalyst, 1.5 g of 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-phosphorene-1-oxide (referred to hereinafter as carbodiimidization catalyst), and they were subjected to a condensation reaction at 180°C for 10 hours in a nitrogen atmosphere to obtain a carbodiimide resulting from HMDI (degree of polymerization = 3).

Synthesis Examples 2 to 4

The same procedure as in Synthesis Example 1 was repeated, except that the reaction time was changed as

shown in Table 1 to obtain carbodiimides as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Synthesis Example	Reaction time (hr)	Polymerization degree
2	15	10
3	27	20
4	35	30

Synthesis Example 5

To 300 g of HMDI was added 1.5 g of the carbodiimidization catalyst and they were subjected to a reaction at 185°C for 5 hours while nitrogen was bubbled thereinto, to obtain a carbodiimide resulting from HMDI (degree of polymerization = 10).

Synthesis Examples 6 to 8

The same procedure as in Synthesis Example 1 was repeated, except that the reaction time was changed as shown in Table 2 to obtain carbodiimides shown in Table 2.

Table 2

Synthesis Example	Reaction time (hr)	Polymerization degree
6	16	10
7	28	20
8	38	30

Synthesis Example 9

To a mixture of 236 g of HMDI with 25.0 g of cyclohexyl isocyanate (referred to hereinafter as CHI) was added 2.60 g of the carbodiimidization catalyst, and they were subjected to a reaction at 185°C for 19 hours while nitrogen was bubbled thereinto, to obtain a carbodiimide resulting from HMDI and CHI (degree of polymerization = 10).

Synthesis Examples 10 to 14

The starting materials and the reaction conditions were changed as shown in Table 3 to obtain carbodiimides shown in Table 3 in which CHI means a cyclohexyl isocyanate.

Table 3

Synthesis Example	10	11	12	13	14
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 498	HMDI 760	IPDI 200	IPDI 400	IPDI 622
Monoisocyanate Amount (g)	CHI 25	CHI 25	CHI 25	CHI 25	CHI 25
Catalyst amount (g)	5.2	7.8	2.3	4.3	6.2
Reaction time (hr)	20	48	21	27	52
Polymerization degree	20	30	10	20	30

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Synthesis Example 15

To 288 g of HMDI was added 20 g of cyclohexylamine and they were stirred at 100°C for one hour while nitrogen was bubbled thereinto and subsequently 2.9 g of the carbodiimidization catalyst was added thereto, after which the resulting mixture was subjected to a reaction at 185°C for 30 hours, to obtain a carbodiimide resulting from HMDI and having terminal urea bonds (degree of polymerization = 10).

Synthesis Examples 16 to 30

The end-blocking agent was changed to an alcohol, an amine, a carboxylic acid or an acid anhydride as shown in Tables 4, 5 and 6, and in the same manner as in Synthesis Example 13, there were obtained carbodiimides having a urea bond, a urethane bond, an imido bond or an amido bond in the molecular chain as shown in Tables 4, 5 and 6.

Table 4

Synthesis Example	16	17	18	19	20
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 498	IPDI 245	IPDI 467	HMDI 288	HMDI 498
Blocking agent	Cyclohexylamine	Do.	Do.	Cyclohexylcarboxylic acid	Do.
Amount (g)	20	20	20	26	26
Catalyst amount (g)	5.5	2.5	4.7	2.9	5.5
Reaction time (hr)	52	30	50	32	48
Polymerization degree	20	10	20	10	20

Table 5

Synthesis Example	21	22	23	24	25
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 288	HMDI 498	HMDI 288	HMDI 498	HMDI 288
Blocking agent	Phthalic anhydride	Do.	Benzoic acid	Do.	Dibutylamine
Amount (g)	30	30	24	24	26
Catalyst amount (g)	2.9	5.5	2.9	5.5	2.9
Reaction time (hr)	35	52	31	50	32
Polymerization degree	10	20	10	20	10

Table 6

Synthesis Example	26	27	28	29	30
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 498	IPDI 245	IPDI 467	IPDI 245	IPDI 467
Blocking agent	Dibutylamine	Cyclohexylcarboxylic acid	Do.	Phthalic anhydride	Do.
Amount (g)	26	26	26	30	30
Catalyst amount (g)	5.5	2.5	4.7	2.5	4.7
Reaction time (hr)	48	30	50	30	50
Polymerization degree	20	10	20	10	20

Example 1

5 A polybutylene terephthalate [PBT] manufactured by DAINIPPON INK & CHEMICALS INC. (Product No. BT-1000) was melt-kneaded with 1% by weight of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin which comprised as the main component one of the carbodiimides obtained in Synthesis Examples 1 to 30, by means of a twin screw extruder and injection molded into JIS-K6301 Dumbbell No. 4. The sample thus obtained was immersed in hot water at 95°C and the tensile strength of the sample was measured by a tensile tester every time shown in Table 7. The results are shown in Tables 7 to 9 [incidentally, in Tables 7 to 9, the numerals in the uppermost section refer to Synthesis Example Nos. in which the carbodiimide was synthesized, and the term "blank" means a sample in which no present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin was used (the same applies hereinafter)].

Table 7

t/day	blank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	610	610	610	610	620	610	610	610	610	610
10	410	520	540	540	540	520	530	530	540	570
15	250	400	420	430	430	400	420	420	420	460
20	150	200	230	230	230	190	220	230	230	260
30	100	150	170	170	170	140	170	170	170	190
(Kg/cm ²)										

Table 8

t/day	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
0	610	620	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610
10	580	590	560	570	570	580	580	560	560	560
15	470	480	450	460	460	470	470	450	450	450
20	260	270	250	260	260	260	270	250	250	240
30	200	200	190	190	200	200	200	180	190	170
(Kg/cm ²)										

Table 9

t/day	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
0	610	610	610	610	610	600	600	610	600	610	610
10	560	560	570	560	560	570	570	550	560	560	560
15	450	450	450	450	450	460	460	440	450	440	450
20	250	250	250	240	250	260	270	240	240	240	250
30	180	180	180	170	180	190	200	170	170	170	170
(Kg/cm ²)											

Example 2

To a urethane elastomer manufactured by Nisshinbo Industries, Inc. (Reference No. F-30) was added 1% by weight of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprising as the main component one of the carbodiimides obtained in Synthesis Examples 1 to 30, and the resulting mixture was molded into a film by a cast method, after which the film was punched to JIS-K6301 Dumbbell No. 4. The sample thus obtained was immersed in hot water at 95°C and the tensile strength of the sample was measured by a tensile tester every time shown in Tables 10 to 12. The results are shown in Tables 10 to 12.

Table 10

t/day	blank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	870	880	880	890	890	870	880	880	880	870
3	520	650	660	660	660	640	650	650	660	710
7	140	570	580	590	590	560	570	570	570	590
10	-	510	520	530	530	500	510	500	510	530
15	-	190	200	200	200	110	110	200	210	210
(Kg/cm ²)										

Table 11

t/day	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
0	880	880	880	880	880	870	870	870	870	870	870
3	710	720	710	710	710	710	710	700	700	710	710
7	600	600	590	590	600	350	350	320	350	580	580
10	530	530	520	540	540	320	340	300	310	500	500
15	240	250	200	190	200	110	130	100	120	190	200
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 12

t/day	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
0	870	870	870	870	880	880	870	870	870	870
3	700	710	710	710	710	720	670	670	670	640
7	560	570	570	570	570	580	530	550	540	550
10	500	510	500	510	510	510	470	480	510	510
15	180	190	170	180	170	180	140	170	170	180
(Kg/cm ²)										
-: destructed										

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Example 3

A polybutylene terephthalate [PBT] elastomer manufactured by DAINIPPON INK & CHEMICALS, INC. (Product No. GRILUX [registered trademark] EH-700) and 0.5% by weight of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprising as the main component one of the carbodiimides obtained in Synthesis Examples 1 to 30 were melt-mixed and extruded using a twin screw extruder and then formed into a film of about 500 μm using a T-die, after which the film thus obtained was injection molded into JIS-K6301 Dumbbell No. 4. The sample thus obtained was immersed in hot water at 95°C and the tensile strength was measured by a tensile tester every time shown in Tables 13 to 15. The results are shown in Tables 13 to 15.

Table 13

t/day	blank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
10	330	350	350	350	350	340	340	340	350	350	350
15	310	340	350	350	350	330	340	340	340	350	350
20	290	320	330	340	340	320	330	340	340	350	350
30	220	320	330	330	340	310	320	330	330	340	340
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 14

t/day	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
10	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	340	340	340
15	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	340	340	340	340
20	350	340	340	340	350	350	340	340	330	330	320
30	340	330	340	340	340	340	330	330	320	320	310
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 15

t/day	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
10	340	340	340	350	350	340	340	340	340
15	340	330	330	340	340	330	330	320	330
20	320	310	320	330	340	320	320	310	310
30	310	300	310	320	320	300	300	300	300
(Kg/cm ²)									

Example 4

A polyethylene terephthalate [PET] resin manufactured by KANEBO LTD. (Product No. EFG-7) and 0.5% by weight of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprising as the main component one of the carbodiimides obtained in Synthesis Examples 1 to 30 were melt-mixed and extruded using a twin screw extruder and then formed into a film of about 500 μm using a T-die, after which the film thus obtained was injection molded into JIS-K6301 Dumbbell No. 4. The sample thus obtained was immersed in hot water at 95°C and the tensile strength was measured by a tensile tester every time shown in Tables 16 to 18. The results are shown in Tables 16 to 18.

Table 16

t/day	blank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	640	650	650	640	650	650	650	650	650	650	640
30	590	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
60	460	630	640	640	640	620	630	640	640	650	650
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 17

t/day	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	650	640	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
30	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
60	650	620	630	630	640	650	620	620	600	600	600
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 18

t/day	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
30	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
60	620	600	600	640	640	600	600	600	600
(Kg/cm ²)									

Synthesis of carbodiimides

Synthesis Examples 31 to 39

To one of the diisocyanate mixtures shown in Tables 19 and 20 was added 1.5% by weight, based on the total weight of the isocyanates, of the carbodiimidization catalyst and the resulting mixture was heated at 185°C to be subjected to a reaction until the degree of polymerization (n) became 10.

Table 19

Synthesis Example	31	32	33	34	35	36
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 TMXDI 183.0	HMDI 131.0 TMXDI 122.0	HMDI 196.5 TMXDI 61.0	IPDI 55.6 TMXDI 183.0	IPDI 111.1 TMXDI 122.0	IPDI 166.7 TMXDI 61.0
Monoisocyanate	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used
Catalyst amount (g)	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4
Reaction time (hr)	30	25	20	30	26	20
Polymerization degree	10	10	10	10	10	10

Table 20

Synthesis Example	37	38	39
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 IPDI 166.7	HMDI 131.0 IPDI 111.1	HMDI 196.5 IPDI 55.6
Monoisocyanate	Not used	Not used	Not used
Catalyst amount (g)	3.5	3.6	3.8
Reaction time (hr)	20	19	19
Polymerization degree	10	10	10

Synthesis Examples 40 to 48

To one of the mixtures shown in Tables 21 and 22 was added cyclohexyl isocyanate so that the degree of polymerization (n) becomes 10 (diisocyanate : monoisocyanate = 9 : 2 by mole), and the carbodiimidization catalyst was added in a proportion of 1.5% by weight based on the total weight of the isocyanates, after which the resulting mixture was heated at 185°C to be subjected to a reaction until the peak of the isocyanate disappeared in the infrared absorption (IR) spectrum.

Table 21

Synthesis Example	40	41	42
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 TMXDI 183.0	HMDI 131.0 TMXDI 122.0	HMDI 196.5 TMXDI 61.0
Monoisocyanate Amount (g)	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8
Catalyst amount (g)	4.1	4.2	4.3
Reaction time (hr)	28	24	19
Polymerization degree	10	10	10

Table 22

Synthesis Example	43	44	45	46	47	48
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	IPDI 55.6 TMXDI 183.0	IPDI 111.1 TMXDI 122.0	IPDI 166.7 TMXDI 61.0	HMDI 65.5 IPDI 166.7	HMDI 131.0 IPDI 111.1	HMDI 196.5 IPDI 55.6
Monoisocyanate Amount (g)	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 27.8
Catalyst amount (g)	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.8
Reaction time (hr)	30	25	20	21	20	20
Polymerization degree	10	10	10	10	10	10

25 Synthesis Examples 49 to 57

To one of the mixtures shown in Tables 23 and 24 was added cyclohexylamine so that the degree of polymerization (n) became 10 (diisocyanate : amine = 11 : 2 by mole), and the carbodiimidization catalyst was added in a proportion of 1.5% by weight based on the total weight of the isocyanates, after which the resulting mixture was heated at 185°C to be subjected to a reaction until the peak of the isocyanate disappeared in IR.

Table 23

Synthesis Example	49	50	51	52	53	54
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 TMXDI 183.0	HMDI 131.0 TMXDI 122.0	HMDI 196.5 TMXDI 61.0	IPDI 55.6 TMXDI 183.0	IPDI 111.1 TMXDI 122.0	IPDI 166.7 TMXDI 61.0
Amine Amount (g)	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0
Catalyst amount (g)	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4
Reaction time (hr)	29	25	19	30	25	20
Polymerization degree	9	9	9	9	9	9

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Table 24

Synthesis Example	55	56	57
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 IPDI 166.7	HMDI 131.3 IPDI 111.1	HMDI 196.5 IPDI 55.6
Amine Amount (g)	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0	Cyclohexyl amine 22.0
Catalyst amount (g)	3.5	3.6	3.8
Reaction time (hr)	19	22	20
Polymerization degree	9	9	9

Synthesis Examples 58 to 66

To one of the mixtures shown in Tables 25 and 26 was added cyclohexyl isocyanate so that the degree of polymerization (n) became 20 (diisocyanate : monoisocyanate = 19 : 2 by mole) and the carbodiimidization catalyst was added in a proportion of 1.5% by weight based on the total weight of the isocyanates, after which the resulting mixture was heated at 185°C to be subjected to a reaction until the peak of the isocyanate disappeared in IR.

Table 25

Synthesis Example	58	59	60
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 TMXDI 183.0	HMDI 131.0 TMXDI 122.0	HMDI 196.5 TMXDI 61.0
Monoisocyanate Amount (g)	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2
Catalyst amount (g)	3.9	4.0	4.1
Reaction time (hr)	30	24	21
Polymerization degree	20	20	20

Table 26

Synthesis Example	61	62	63	64	65	66
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	IPDI 55.6 TMXDI 183.0	IPDI 111.1 TMXDI 122.0	IPDI 166.7 TMXDI 61.0	HMDI 65.5 IPDI 166.7	HMDI 131.0 IPDI 111.1	HMDI 196.5 IPDI 55.6
Monoisocyanate Amount (g)	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2	Cyclohexyl isocyanate 13.2
Catalyst amount (g)	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.0
Reaction time (hr)	29	24	20	23	19	20
Polymerization degree	20	20	20	20	20	20

Synthesis Examples 67 to 75

To one of the mixtures shown in Tables 27 and 28 was added cyclohexylamine so that the degree of polymerization (n) became 20 (diisocyanate : amine = 21 : 2 by mole), and the carbodiimidization catalyst was added in a proportion of 1.5% by weight based on the total weight of the isocyanates, after which the resulting mixture was heated at 185°C to be subjected to a reaction until the peak of the isocyanate disappeared in IR.

Table 27

Synthesis Example	67	68	69	70	71	72
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 TMXDI 183.0	HMDI 131.0 TMXDI 122.0	HMDI 196.5 TMXDI 61.0	IPDI 55.6 TMXDI 183.0	IPDI 111.1 TMXDI 122.0	IPDI 166.7 TMXDI 61.0
Amine Amount (g)	Cyclohexyl amine 10.4	Cyclohexyl amine 10.4	Cyclohexyl amine 10.4	Cyclohexyl amine 10.4	Cyclohexyl amine 10.4	Cyclohexyl amine 10.4
Catalyst amount (g)	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4
Reaction time (hr)	52	50	48	51	50	50
Polymerization degree	19	19	19	19	19	19

Table 28

Synthesis Example	73	74	75
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5	HMDI 131.0	HMDI 196.5
	IPDI 166.7	IPDI 111.1	IPDI 55.6
Amine	Cyclohexyl amine	Cyclohexyl amine	Cyclohexyl amine
Amount (g)	10.4	10.4	10.4
Catalyst amount (g)	3.5	3.6	3.8
Reaction time (hr)	47	48	48
Polymerization degree	19	19	19

Synthesis Examples 76 to 84

To one of the mixtures shown in Tables 29 and 30 was added cyclohexylcarboxylic acid so that the degree of polymerization (n) became 9 (diisocyanate : cyclohexylcarboxylic acid = 10 : 2 by mole), and the carbodiimidization catalyst was added in a proportion of 1.5% by weight based on the total weight of the isocyanates, after which the resulting mixture was heated at 185°C to be subjected to a reaction until the peak of the isocyanate disappeared in IR.

Table 29

Synthesis Example	76	77	78
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5	HMDI 131.0	HMDI 196.5
	TMXDI 183.0	TMXDI 122.0	TMXDI 61.0
Carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid
Amount (g)	28.5	28.5	28.5
Catalyst amount (g)	3.7	3.8	3.9
Reaction time (hr)	30	25	20
Polymerization degree	9	9	9

Table 30

5	Synthesis Example	79	80	81	82	83	84
	Diisocyanate Amount (g)	IPDI 55.6 TMXDI 183.0	IPDI 111.1 TMXDI 122.0	IPDI 166.7 TMXDI 61.0	HMDI 65.5 IPDI 166.7	HMDI 131.0 IPDI 111.1	HMDI 196.5 IPDI 55.6
10	Carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid	Cyclohexyl carboxylic acid
	Amount (g)	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5
15	Catalyst amount (g)	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.8
	Reaction time (hr)	30	26	20	20	19	19
20	Polymerization degree	9	9	9	9	9	9

25 Synthesis Examples 85 to 92

To one of the mixtures shown in Tables 31 and 32 was added phthalic anhydride so that the degree of polymerization (n) became 9 (diisocyanate : phthalic anhydride = 10 : 2 by mole), and the carbodiimidization catalyst was added in a proportion of 1.5% by weight based on the total weight of the isocyanates, after which the resulting mixture was heated at 185 °C to be subjected to a reaction until the peak of the isocyanate disappeared in IR.

Table 31

35	Synthesis Example	85	86	87	88	89	90
	Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 TMXDI 183.0	HMDI 131.0 TMXDI 122.0	HMDI 196.5 TMXDI 61.0	IPDI 55.6 TMXDI 183.0	IPDI 111.1 TMXDI 122.0	IPDI 166.7 TMXDI 61.0
40	Acid anhydride	Phthalic anhydride	Phthalic anhydride	Phthalic anhydride	Phthalic anhydride	Phthalic anhydride	Phthalic anhydride
	Amount (g)	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9
45	Catalyst amount (g)	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4
	Reaction time (hr)	28	24	19	30	25	20
50	Polymerization degree	9	9	9	9	9	9

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Table 32

Synthesis Example	90	91	92
Diisocyanate Amount (g)	HMDI 65.5 IPDI 166.7	HMDI 131.0 IPDI 111.1	HMDI 196.5 IPDI 55.6
Acid anhydride Amount (g)	Phthalic anhydride 32.9	Phthalic anhydride 32.9	Phthalic anhydride 32.9
Catalyst amount (g)	3.5	3.6	3.8
Reaction time (hr)	21	20	20
Polymerization degree	9	9	9

Example 5

A polybutylene terephthalate [PBT] manufactured by DAINIPPON INK & CHEMICALS, INC. (Product No. BT-1000) and 1% by weight of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprising as the main component one of the carbodiimides obtained in Synthesis Examples 31 to 92 were melt-kneaded using a twin screw extruder and then injection molded into JIS-K6301 Dumbbell No. 4. The sample thus obtained was immersed in hot water at 95°C and the tensile strength was measured by a tensile tester every time shown in Tables 33 to 38. The results are shown in Tables 33 to 38.

Table 33

t/day	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
0	610	620	620	610	620	620	620	620	620	620	620
10	540	550	540	540	530	530	540	530	520	570	580
15	410	420	420	420	430	420	430	420	430	450	460
20	230	240	230	250	240	240	230	230	240	250	260
30	180	170	180	170	170	180	180	180	170	180	190
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 34

t/day	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
0	610	610	610	610	620	610	620	610	610	620	610
10	580	590	570	580	570	590	590	530	560	540	540
15	470	470	480	470	460	470	480	430	440	420	420
20	270	270	460	270	250	270	280	240	250	250	240
30	190	180	190	200	190	180	180	170	180	180	170
(Kg/cm ²)											

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Table 35

t/day	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
0	610	620	610	620	610	610	610	610	620	610	610
10	560	540	530	540	560	560	570	580	570	590	590
15	440	420	450	450	440	470	480	470	460	470	470
20	250	250	240	240	230	270	260	270	250	270	270
30	180	180	180	170	170	180	190	200	190	180	180
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 36

t/day	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
0	610	610	610	620	610	620	610	610	620	610	620
10	570	680	570	540	530	540	560	590	540	530	540
15	480	470	480	420	450	450	440	470	420	450	450
20	260	260	260	250	240	240	230	270	250	240	240
30	190	180	190	180	180	170	170	180	180	180	170
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 37

t/day	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
0	610	600	610	610	600	610	600	610	600	610	600
10	570	520	520	530	530	530	520	530	520	520	530
15	470	420	430	430	440	430	430	420	430	430	430
20	250	220	230	210	220	230	230	240	230	230	230
30	180	130	140	130	140	150	150	130	140	140	140
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 38

t/day	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
0	610	600	610	610	610	610	610
10	530	530	520	530	530	520	520
15	440	430	430	440	430	430	440
20	220	230	230	220	230	230	240
30	140	150	150	140	150	150	150
(Kg/cm ²)							

Example 6

To a urethane elastomer manufactured by Nisshinbo Industries Inc. (Product No. F-30) was added 1% by weight of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprising as the main component one of the carbodiimides obtained in Synthesis Examples 31 to 92 and then the resulting mixture was formed into a film by a cast method, after which the film was punched to obtain JIS-K6301 Dumbbell No. 4. The sample thus obtained was immersed in hot water at 95°C and the tensile strength was measured by a tensile tester every time shown in Tables 39 to 44. The results are shown in Tables 39 to 44.

Table 39

t/day	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
0	890	890	880	880	870	880	890	880	890	890	880
3	650	640	650	670	650	640	650	640	650	710	700
7	580	590	590	580	600	590	580	590	580	600	600
10	530	530	540	530	520	520	510	520	520	530	510
15	180	170	160	150	160	170	160	150	140	200	210
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 40

t/day	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
0	870	870	870	860	870	860	880	870	870	870	880
3	680	690	670	680	690	700	680	650	640	650	650
7	600	590	580	570	580	590	580	600	590	580	590
10	510	510	500	480	500	500	490	520	520	510	540
15	210	190	200	210	200	210	200	160	170	160	160
(Kg/cm ²)											

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Table 41

t/day	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
0	870	880	890	880	890	870	870	870	870	860	870
3	640	650	670	650	650	670	680	690	670	680	690
7	590	580	590	600	590	580	600	590	580	570	580
10	520	510	520	520	540	500	510	510	500	480	500
15	170	160	150	160	170	200	210	190	200	210	200
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 42

t/day	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
0	860	860	890	870	860	890	890	880	890	890	890
3	700	680	650	670	680	650	650	650	670	650	650
7	590	570	590	600	580	590	590	580	590	590	590
10	500	480	540	490	500	540	540	510	520	540	540
15	210	210	170	170	180	170	170	160	150	180	170
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 43

t/day	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
0	860	860	890	870	860	890	880	890	870	860	890
3	680	680	650	670	680	650	650	650	670	680	650
7	580	570	590	600	580	590	580	590	600	580	590
10	500	480	540	490	500	540	510	540	490	500	540
15	180	210	170	170	180	170	160	170	170	180	170
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 44

t/day	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
0	860	890	890	870	860	890	890
3	680	650	650	670	680	650	650
7	570	590	590	600	580	590	590
10	480	540	540	490	500	540	540
15	210	170	170	170	180	170	170
(Kg/cm ²)							

Example 7

To a polybutylene terephthalate [PBT] elastomer manufactured by DAINIPPON INK & CHEMICALS, INC. (Product No. GRILUX [registered trademark] EH-700) was added 0.5% by weight of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprising as the main component one of the carbodiimides obtained in Synthesis Examples 31 to 92 and the resulting mixture was melt-mixed and extruded using a twin screw extruder and then formed into a film of about 500 μm using a T-die, after which the film thus obtained was injection molded to obtain JIS-K6301 Dumbbell No. 4. The sample thus obtained was immersed in hot water at 95°C and the tensile strength was measured by a tensile tester every time shown in Tables 45 to 50. The results are shown in Tables 45 to 50.

Table 45

t/day	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
5	340	340	350	340	350	340	340	340	340	350	350
10	330	340	340	340	340	330	330	330	330	340	340
20	320	330	320	330	320	320	320	320	320	340	340
30	310	320	310	320	310	310	310	310	310	330	330
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 46

t/day	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
5	350	340	350	340	340	340	340	350	350	350	350
10	340	330	340	330	340	340	330	340	340	340	340
20	330	320	330	320	330	340	320	330	330	330	330
30	330	310	330	320	320	330	310	320	320	320	320
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 47

t/day	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
5	340	350	340	350	340	340	340	340	350	350	350
10	330	340	330	340	340	330	330	330	340	340	340
20	320	330	320	330	330	320	330	320	330	330	330
30	310	320	310	320	320	310	310	310	320	320	320
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 48

t/day	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
5	340	340	340	340	340	340	340	340	340	340	340
10	330	340	340	340	330	330	330	340	340	330	340
20	320	330	340	330	330	320	320	330	330	330	330
30	320	320	330	330	310	310	300	310	320	310	320
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 49

t/day	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
5	340	340	350	340	340	340	340	350	350	340	340
10	330	330	340	340	330	330	330	340	340	340	330
20	330	320	330	330	320	330	320	330	330	330	320
30	320	310	320	320	310	310	310	320	320	320	310
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 50

t/day	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
5	340	350	340	340	340	340	350
10	330	340	340	330	330	330	340
20	320	330	330	320	330	320	330
30	310	320	320	310	310	310	320
(Kg/cm ²)							

Example 8

A polyethylene terephthalate [PET] resin manufactured by KANEBO LTD. (Product No. EFG-7) and 0.5% by weight of the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin comprising as the main component one of the carbodiimides obtained in Synthesis Examples 31 to 92 were melt-mixed and extruded using a twin screw extruder and then formed into a film of about 500 μm using a T-die, after which the film thus obtained was injection molded to obtain JIS-K6301 Dumbbell No. 4. The sample thus obtained was immersed in hot water at 95°C and the tensile strength was measured by a tensile tester every time shown in Tables 51 to 56. The results are shown in Tables 51 to 56.

Table 51

t/day	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	650	640	650	650	640	650	650	650	640	640	650
30	650	650	640	650	650	650	640	640	640	650	650
60	620	620	640	620	620	630	640	630	630	640	640
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 52

t/day	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	650	650	640	650	650	650	650	650	640	650	650
30	640	650	650	650	640	650	650	650	640	640	650
60	630	630	640	640	630	640	630	640	620	610	610
(Kg/cm ²)											

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Table 53

t/day	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	640	640	650	650	650	650	640	650	650	650	650
30	650	640	650	650	650	640	650	650	650	640	640
60	630	620	620	630	620	610	610	620	610	610	610
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 54

t/day	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	640	640	640	650	650	640	650	650	650	650	650
30	640	650	650	650	650	640	650	650	650	650	650
60	640	630	640	610	610	600	610	610	630	610	620
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 55

t/day	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	650	640	640	650	650	640	650	650	650	640	650
30	640	650	650	650	650	640	650	650	650	640	650
60	610	630	640	610	610	600	610	610	610	600	610
(Kg/cm ²)											

Table 56

t/day	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
0	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
10	640	650	650	640	650	650	650
30	650	650	650	640	650	650	650
60	640	610	610	600	610	610	610
(Kg/cm ²)							

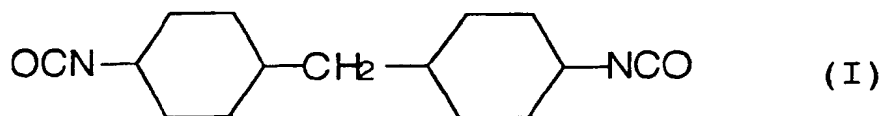
As described above, the present hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester-containing resin has an excellent compatibility with the ester group-containing resin and can be added to the resin without causing any trouble when the resin was synthesized and melt-kneaded. Moreover, since the hydrolysis stabilizer has a high molecular weight, it can sufficiently

exhibit the hydrolysis stabilizing effect on the resin.

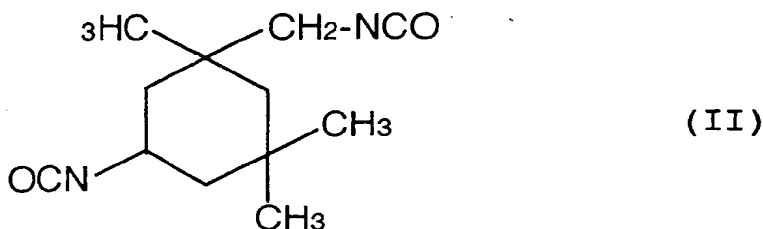
The present process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin comprises mixing the above-mentioned hydrolysis stabilizer with the ester group-containing resin, and hence, can be easily carried out.

5 Claims

1. A hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin, which comprises as a main component a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the formula (I):

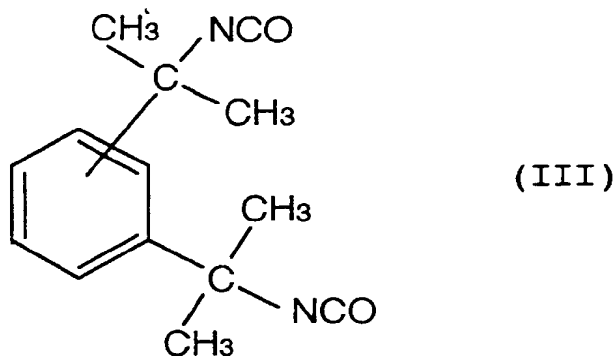


or isophorone diisocyanate represented by the formula (II):

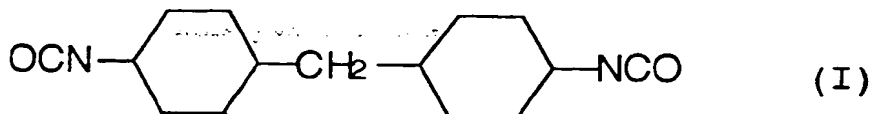


or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate of the formula (I) and isophorone diisocyanate of the formula (II).

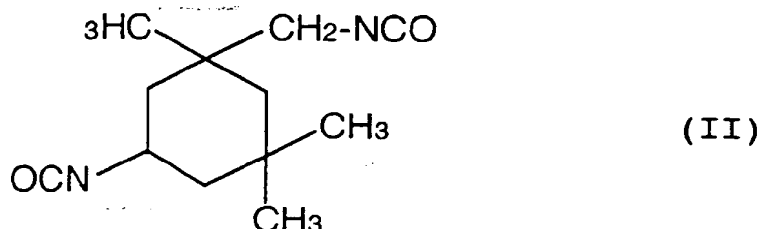
2. A hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin according to Claim 1, wherein the carbodiimide is end-blocked with a primary or secondary amine, a carboxylic acid, an acid anhydride or a monoisocyanate.
3. A hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin according to Claim 1, wherein the carbodiimide has an average degree of polymerisation of 2 to 30.
4. A hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin, which comprises as a main component a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from a mixture of tetramethylxylylene diisocyanate represented by the formula (III):



with 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the formula (I):

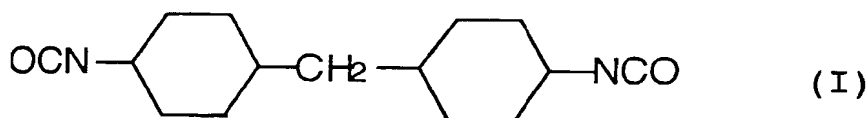


or isophorone diisocyanate represented by the formula (II):

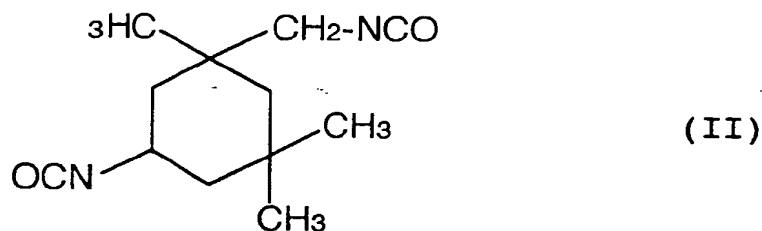


20 or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate of the formula (I) and isophorone diisocyanate of the formula (II).

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5. A hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin according to Claim 4, wherein the carbodiimide is end-blocked with a primary or secondary amine, a carboxylic acid, an acid anhydride or a monoisocyanate.
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6. A hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin according to Claim 4 wherein the carbodiimide has an average degree of polymerization of 2 to 30.
7. A process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin, which comprises mixing the ester group-containing resin with a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the formula (I):



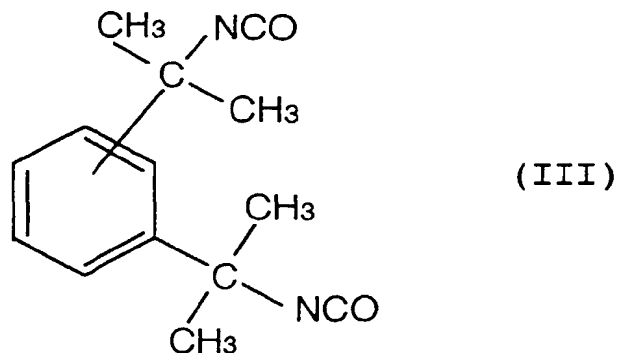
40 or isophorone diisocyanate represented by the formula (II):



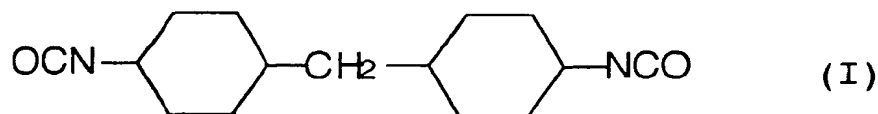
50 or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate of the formula (I) and isophorone diisocyanate of the formula (II).

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8. A process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin according to Claim 7, wherein the carbodiimide is end-blocked with a primary or secondary amine, a carboxylic acid, an acid anhydride or a monoisocyanate.
9. A process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin according to Claim 7, wherein the carbodiimide has an average degree of polymerization of 2 to 30.

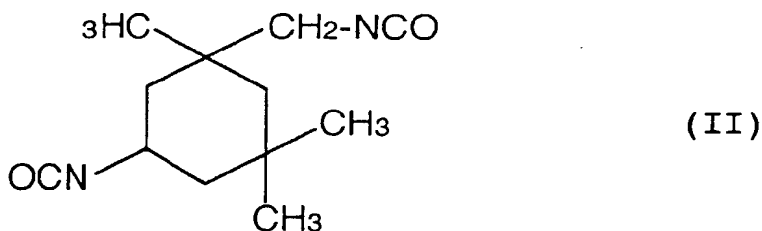
10. A process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin, which comprises mixing the ester group-containing resin with a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from a mixture of tetramethylxylylene diisocyanate represented by the formula (III):



with 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate represented by the formula (I):



or isophorone diisocyanate represented by the formula (II):



or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate of the formula (I) and isophorone diisocyanate of the formula (II).

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11. A process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin according to Claim 10, wherein the carbodiimide is end-blocked with a primary or secondary amine, a carboxylic acid, an acid anhydride or a monoisocyanate.
12. A process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin according to Claim 10, wherein the carbodiimide has an average degree of polymerization of 2 to 30.

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(54) **Hydrolysis stabilizer for ester group-containing resin and process for hydrolysis stabilization of ester group-containing resin using said hydrolysis stabilizer**

(57) A hydrolysis stabilizer for an ester group-containing resin, which comprises as a main component a carbodiimide having at least two carbodiimide groups in the molecule and resulting from 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate and isophorone diisocyanate, or from a mixture of tetramethylxylene diisocyanate with 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate or a mixture of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate and isophorone diisocyanate; and a process for the hydrolysis stabilization of an ester group-containing resin, which comprises mixing a polyester type resin with the above hydrolysis stabilizer.

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